

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for recreating data at a remote location in a television system comprising:

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generating a message at a first location, wherein the message identifies a first data;

conveying the message;

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processing the message at the remote location; and

recreating the first data at the remote location in response to processing the message.

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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the message comprises an edit list which identifies the first data.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the message further comprises a target identifier which identifies the remote location, and wherein conveying the message comprises sending the message to the remote location.

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4. The method of claim 3, wherein the message is generated by an individual viewer.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein generating the message comprises a viewer tagging program material.

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6. The method of claim 5, wherein the first data comprises two or more selected portions of the program material.

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- 7. The method of claim 5, wherein the program material is tagged as it is received via a programming signal.
- 5 8. The method of claim 5, wherein the program material is stored in a mass storage device at the first location.
- 9. The method of claim 2, wherein the message is generated by an operator.
- 10 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the operator determines which members of a viewing audience are to receive the message, and conveys the message to those members.
- 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the operator makes the message available for access by members of a viewing audience, and wherein individual audience members determine whether or not to access the message.
- 15 12. The method of claim 9, wherein the message is received by a member of a viewing audience, and wherein the edit list is utilized to generate a virtual programming channel at the member's location.
- 20 13. The method of claim 9, wherein the operator generates additional messages, each of which are configured to recreate particular programming, and wherein each of the messages are conveyed to particular audience members identified by the operator as fitting a profile corresponding the message conveyed to the particular audience member.
- 25 14. The method of claim 1, wherein recreating the first data comprises:

receiving a programming signal;  
capturing the detected first data.

5 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said first data is captured in response to  
detecting said programming signal corresponds to a predetermined time.

10 16. The method of claim 14, wherein said first data is captured in response to  
detecting a first signal in said programming signal, wherein said first signal  
indicates said first data is included in said programming signal.

15 17. The method of claim 1, wherein processing the first data comprises:  
generating a request for the first data; and  
conveying the request to a remote content server.

18. The method of claim 13, wherein recreating the first data comprises receiving the  
first data in response to the request.

20 19. The method of claim 2, wherein the message is conveyed for storage in a location  
accessible by a plurality of viewers.

20. The method of claim 13, further comprising searching an edit list catalog,  
identifying the message, and accessing the message.

25 21. A client for use in a television system comprising:  
a receiver configured to receive a programming signal;  
an I/O interface; and  
a message processing engine configured to:

receive a first data identifying a data item;  
receive a second data corresponding to user input; and  
generate a message identifying the data item in response to detecting the  
second data, wherein the message is configured to enable  
recreation of the data item at a remote location in response to being  
processed.

22. The client of claim 21, wherein the message comprises an edit list.

23. The client of claim 22, wherein the message processing engine is further  
configured to generate the message with a target identifier which identifies the  
remote location, and wherein the client is configured to convey the message to the  
remote location.

24. The client of claim 21, wherein the second data corresponds to a tag generated by  
the user.

25. The client of claim 22, wherein the message identifies multiple data items which  
correspond to two or more selected portions of programming material.

26. The client of claim 21, wherein the message processing engine is configured to  
access a mass storage device coupled to the client, and wherein the message  
processing engine is configured to recreate the data item from data which is stored  
on the mass storage device.

27. The client of claim 25, wherein the client is configured to utilize the message  
processing engine in order to generate a virtual channel with programming based  
on the edit list.

28. The client of claim 21, wherein the message processing engine is further configured to access a remote location, search for a desired edit list, and access the desired edit list.

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29. The client of claim 22, wherein the message processing engine is further configured to:

receive a second edit list;

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receive a signal;

detect data within the signal which is identified by the second edit list; and capture the detected data.

30. The client of claim 22, wherein the message processing engine is further configured to:

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generate a request for the signal;

convey the request to a remote location; and

receive the signal in response to the request.

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31. A system for recreating data at a remote location in a television system comprising:

a first device configured to generate a message in response to viewer input, wherein the message identifies a first data;

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a second device configured to:

receive and process the message;

receive second data including the first data; and

capture the first data responsive to processing the message and detecting the first data within the received second data.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein the message includes a target identifier which identifies the second device, and wherein the first device is configured to convey the message to the second device.

33. The system of claim 31, wherein the first data corresponds to television programming material.

34. The system of claim 31, further comprising a remote content server coupled to the second device, and wherein the second device is further configured to generate a request for the second data, and wherein the second data is conveyed from the remote content server to the second device in response to the request.

35. A system for recreating data at a remote location in a television system comprising:

an operator configured to convey a plurality of edit lists and a broadcast signal;

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a plurality of receiving devices coupled to receive the edit lists and the broadcast signal;

wherein the edit lists identify programming material, and wherein each of the receiving devices are configured to process a received edit list and receive programming material identified by the processed edit list.

36. The system of claim 35, wherein the operator is configured to identify particular viewing audience members corresponding to each of the receiving devices which

conform to a particular profile, and wherein the operator is configured to generate an edit list corresponding to that profile and convey that edit list to those particular viewing audience members.

5 37. The system of claim 35, wherein the operator is configured to generate a plurality of edit lists, each of which identify a different collection of programming material, and wherein the operator is configured to make the generated edit lists available for access by members of a viewing audience.

10 38. A method for recreating data in a television system comprising:  
  
generating a message at a first location, wherein the message identifies a first data;  
conveying the message to a remote database;  
storing the message in the database;  
15 searching the database;  
recreating the first data at a second location in response to identifying and  
accessing the message.

20 39. The method of claim 38, wherein the first data, and wherein recreating the first data includes receiving the first data in response to a request.

40. The method of claim 39, wherein the first data is received from a third location.

25 41. The method of claim 40, wherein the first data is received via television broadcast signal.

42. The method of claim 38, wherein generating the message comprises a viewer tagging program material.

43. The method of claim 42, wherein the first data comprises two or more selected portions of the program material.

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